

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
January 22, 2023**

“From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’”

The message of Jesus, as we read at the beginning of His ministry, is simple and clear: repentance and acceptance of the kingdom He came to establish. The invitation to Simon and Andrew, is His invitation to me again today. He has a plan and a task for me. Why am I so slow to see the urgency of His call? As we look at the world around us, broken and in need of Him, we are summoned to respond. If we wait for the next person to respond valuable time will be lost. Please put a name and face in your prayer, for someone surely is awaiting your response and action.



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM (Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Fri.) – St. Denis Church
Saturday: 8:30 AM – St. Denis Church
Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM (fulfills Sunday obligation) - St. Denis Church
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM - St. Denis Church
Mass is shown on the Parish Facebook Page each weekend.
Sunday: 10:00 AM - Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel
Holy Days: See bulletin or website for schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 pm & by appointment.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL DEVOTIONS: Tuesday morning after the 7:30 AM Mass-St. Denis Church

BAPTISM: The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Parents must complete the required preparation with the Pastoral Associate and obtain godparent eligibility letters before a date for Baptism will be given. Please call the rectory for further details.

MARRIAGE: Please contact the rectory office for more information about weddings. All couples contemplating marriage are asked to give the priests one year prior notice in order that all the requirements for marriage can be satisfied. Do not reserve the reception hall before contacting the church; your requested date may not be available.

CARE OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: We will gladly bring Holy Communion to anyone who is ill or otherwise unable to get to Mass. Please call the rectory to make arrangements. The priests and deacon make regular visits to the local hospitals. Please call the rectory if any loved one is hospitalized.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: At such times of deep pain and loss, we seek to offer our bereaved families comfort and hope as they commend their loved ones to God. Please note that, in accordance with Church regulations, eulogies are not permitted during Funeral Masses.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-12:00 noon & 1:00 PM- 4:30 PM, Friday 8:30 AM- 12:00 noon only. There are no office hours on Saturday & Sunday. Evenings are by appointment only.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We encourage new families moving into the area to stop in or call the rectory to arrange for registration.

CELIAC SPRUE PARISHIONERS – Saint Denis provides a low gluten (<0.01% gluten content) host. Parishioners who are gluten-intolerant should see a deacon or priest prior to the start of Mass in order to be included in the reception of the Eucharist.

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK- Saint Denis Parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/churchofstdenis. You don't need to have a Facebook account to read parish news and updates, but would need one to leave comments and feedback.

**Saturday, January 21, 2023**

8:30 am Jack Murphy by Joan & Trip Brannick
 8:30 am Martin Freeman by his wife, Joanne Freeman
 8:30 am William J. Looney by Cheryl & Frank Spillane
 4:30 pm Kathleen White by Philip & Maureen White
 4:30 pm Mary Coghlan by the McManus Family
 4:30 pm Derek Courtney by Reene & Dennis O'Neill

Sunday, January 22, 2023

8:00 am Lou Baroody by Fran & Kevin Kearns
 8:00 am Joan Jolden by Gloria
 8:00 am Teresa Brennan by Marilyn & Bob Healey
 9:30 am Arthur Martone by his Family
 9:30 am Kathleen O'Hare by Ted & Margaret
 9:30 am Frank Vega by his Family
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish

Monday, January 23, 2023

7:30 am Joseph F. Daidone by his Family
 7:30 am Janet Martin by Maryann Crowe
 7:30 am Vincent Soviero III by Dianne & Chip Talbot

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

7:30 am Michael Gabler by Jackie Lyons
 7:30 am George O'Connell by Nick & Diane Palihnich
 7:30 am Marge Heinrich
 by St. Denis Altar Rosary Society

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

7:30 am Maria A. Neves by Anthony Raffanello
 7:30 am Patrick Walter by Sheila Ruckert
 7:30 am Howard J. Huber by the Acciavatti Family

Thursday, January 26, 2023

No Mass

Friday, January 27, 2023

7:30 am Michael Gabler by John & Ellie Fox
 7:30 am George Brown by Tim & Sue McCorkell
 7:30 am William F. Garrett by Dave & Maureen Johnson

Saturday, January 28, 2023

8:30 am Oscar Sumanga, Sr. by St. Denis Parish
 8:30 am Phillip Bersch by the Cafone Family
 8:30 am Lucia Duddy by the Cinelli Family
 4:30 pm Rose & John Cafone, Sr. by their Children
 4:30 pm Alice Brady & Mary Hanley
 by Elaine & Marcelo Parra
 4:30 pm Bobby Patterson by Chris & Ed Mutch

Sunday, January 29, 2023

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am Bill Wolfe by his Wife
 9:30 am Mary Dolan
 by Thomas & Maureen Hughes & Family
 9:30 am Ray Lewandowski
 by Thomas & Maureen Hughes & Family
 10:00 am Philip Farmer by Barbara Moschetto
 10:00 am Peter Casazza by Brian & Kyle Morse
 10:00 am Joseph Farina by the Remmey Family

SAINT DENIS PRAYER GROUP-The Prayer Group meets at 12:00 noon each Monday in St. Denis Church. There are no meetings on holidays. All are welcome.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place every First Friday, 12-1 pm in the church. We look forward to the beautiful prayer of presence with our Lord.



especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andrich, Mary Damico, Eileen Byrne, Amanda Castro, Dolores Palmisano, Holly Boyd, Mary Conlon, Albert Wood, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Katie Holbrook, Claire Meachum, Mike Pierce, Thomas Hayes, Jr., Thomas Evans, Catherine O'Connor, Edith Bean, Phyllis Van Salders, Joanne Panzarella, Taryn Rotondi, Kathy Wicks, Michael McNulty, Lisa Pirrello, Joseph Bick, Mary Collins, Robert Kelleher, Stephen Byrne, Denise Frank, Marie Tashjian, Angeline Hart, Cathleen Brenner, Nick Ljuljana, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Baby Kelly Grace, Nair Messias,

Jennifer Noble, Belle & Ashton, Karen Brown, Elizabeth Morgan, Frank Lopez, Christina Roundtree, Eugene Karpinski, Charlotte Pentek, Phillip Graceffa, Christian Russo, Rose DeMarco, Dee Vulgaris, Michael McGonigle, Baby Evelyn Mizer, Leanna Rawson, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambrone, Lisa Dunfee, Albert J. Cifelli, Stanley Bevan, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Bernadette Bevan, Teresa Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Irene Hayes, Ronnie Micciulla, Cindy Tomkins, Joseph Fiamingo, Baby Colton Gardella, Catherine Kelleher, Samara Pirrong, Donna Schwear, Helen McGowan, Karen Williams, Timothy Michal Przywara, Christopher Kurtanick, Wes Pal, Neil O'Callaghan, Siobhan Vuono, Linda Lowery, Tanner Koch, Linda Custode, Marty Pirrong, Bridget Korn, Vincent Azzollini, Joan Lipscomb, Baby Lucy, Stephen Whyte, Christine Fields, Chris Faraca, Gordon Justin, Jim Kazenmayer, Frank Meidenbauer, Sean Campbell, Joel Rivera, Jimi Hood, Al Ricciardi, Eileen Beesley, Beverly Heinz, Pauline Naturile, Haley Keating, Bill Koch, Doris Abruzzo, Sandy Heitner, Joseph Pastore, Christine Coburn, Julianna Grusso, Frank Dugan, Lori Hurd, Lois Borton, William Liao, Marylee Monsell, Norma Friel, Tony Picinich, the Borgias, Patricia Wolfe, Marian Keefe, Elizabeth Clos, Gail Fallon, Lois Brookes, Andrew Chermak, Mark Clarkin, Duane Danish, Werner Ziesmer, Thomas P. Coyle, Constance & Hugh Doherty, Jim Trischitta, Regina Kiesche, Colleen Nielsen, Mary Carstens-Lockenmeyer, Rob & Katie Spawn, Jack Noble, Jim Racioppi, Sondra Thompson, Barbara Liggett, Gerald O'Keefe, Jimmy Conrey, Norma Summers, Vera Raffetto, Bobbie Banks-Grove, Margaret Mullin, Johnny Gondel, Celina Koch, Marilyn Woerner, Diane Padluck, Theresa Sergel, Joan Harriman, Sharon Goettle, Rick Constrisciano, Barbara Cabrera, Linda Wynd, Katherine Geiger, Christopher Schwartz, Paul Gearing, the Nesbitt Family, the Slotnick Family, and the Campbell Family.



**WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ARTHUR MARTONE
REQUESTED BY HIS FAMILY**

PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES— A joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities provides licensed professionals for short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) to parishioners dealing with difficult issues, for example, job-stress, family concerns and bereavement. Contact your pastor for additional information and referral. The fee is \$90 per session, but, if needed, financial assistance is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.

CURSILLO is all about building long-term Christ-centered relationships with God and others through prayer and a focus on authentic Christian living. For information contact trenton-cursillo@gmail.com or 609-396-8447 x14.

NEW JERSEY CATHOLIC CONFERENCE NEWS— Please visit: njcatholic.org for so much information on how the Catholic Church interacts with the State in matters of social justice. You can sign up for “Take Action” in order to notify our state representatives of the social justice response that we take on so many issues.

NEWS FROM ASCENSION PRESS- HOME DEVOTION Visit AscensionPress.com for special resources and events to help Catholics with home devotions. **PRAY THE ROSARY**— Join over 50,000 fellow Catholics and pray the rosary LIVE on Ascension’s Facebook page daily at 4pm.

ST. MARK’S YOUTH GROUP – AN INVITATION—Teens are invited to join a high school youth group at our neighboring parish of St. Mark, Sea Girt. They meet on Sunday nights at 7:30 pm. There are always lots of games, service opportunities, food, and friendly high school students from our local area.



especially Navy Lt. Rachael M. Honrath, Navy LS3 Nora N. Honrath, Army Major Matthew Cauda, Navy LL. Edward P. Windas, Marine Lance Corporal Laura Licata, Contractor Benjamin Ostrow, Air Force Major David Smith, Army Major Sean Fessenden, Army Lt. Nikkole Crosson, Navy Captain

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walking with purpose
SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

Please join the women of Walking with Purpose for Adoration, Opportunity for Reconciliation and Discussion, “How Can I Conquer My Fears?” Tuesday, January 31, 6:30 pm-9 pm, St. Denis Parish Center (School Cafeteria). For more information about Walking with Purpose, go to: www.wwpnjshore.com

MASS INTENTIONS for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website on Friday mornings www.churchofstdenis.org

ST. DENIS MEN’S GROUP is a faith study group for Catholic men at the Jersey Shore, coordinated from St. Denis Parish. The group meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Parish Center, from 6-7 pm. For more information contact the St. Denis rectory at 732-223-0287.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – The Knights of Columbus is dedicated to the mission of our Holy Mother Church starting here, in our parish and our community. We are a fraternity of Catholic men united in charity and patriotism. If you miss fraternity life and want to get out and join with others in charity and Catholic brotherhood, join us. To learn more please call the rectory office.

MOVING? Please inform the rectory office if you are moving out of the area or if you have a change of address, so the envelope company can be notified. Thank you!

ALTAR FLOWERS— Parishioners may reserve the flower arrangement near the altar, for a week at a time, in “memory of” or “honor of” someone or some occasion. Weekend flowers are billed to the parish at \$150 per arrangement so the suggested donation for flowers is \$150. Due to liturgical and church calendar requirements, donations toward floral arrangements do not permit the donor to choose the color, style or flower type. Reservations will be taken by the rectory staff during business hours.

REMEMBER SAINT DENIS PARISH WHILE SHOPPING ONLINE— AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. Instructions to support St. Denis: Go to smile.amazon.com Choose your charity: Church of St. Denis, Manasquan Click on the box marked “yes”. You must start at smile.amazon.com so that the charity gets donations. Click on the “start shopping”

National Eucharistic Revival

“To renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist - the “source and summit of our life.”

Learn more about it:

www.usccb.org and www.eucharisticrevival.org



CALLING ALL ADULTS IN NEED OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Along with Baptism and Holy Communion, the Sacrament of Confirmation is part of the three Sacraments of Initiation into the Church. There are many reasons that people might not have had the chance to be confirmed, but that does not mean they should not be confirmed.

Any Roman Catholic adult who has been baptized and received Holy Communion but is still in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation should contact Fr. Bill at the rectory by February 6th so that we can begin preparations for the Sacrament at this year's celebration of the Easter Vigil (8 April).

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS – Those in need of these specially approved Communion hosts at Mass are invited to receive from the priest. Look for the small cup attached to the priest's ciborium, in order to receive the sacramental Body of Christ with a low-gluten host.

HELP AT MASS: PROJECTIONISTS- We have a need for volunteers to help with the projection of lyrics and prayers at Mass. This is a great service opportunity for students and a chance for parents and children to work together. You can choose your Mass and the frequency of volunteering. Contact the office for training with Deacon Gary.

THE MONITOR MAGAZINE- HAVE YOU SUBSCRIBED YET? The Monitor Magazine and TrentonMonitor.com offer food for your faith journey throughout the year. Subscriptions options start at \$15 for a year of full digital access...Or, for \$25, get full digital access and home delivery of the magazine. Order your subscription via a convenient and secure web page... dioceseoftrenton.org/monitor-subscriptions.

COASTAL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY runs on volunteer power. We offer a variety of opportunities and a flexible schedule. We would love to have you join our team. To learn more call 732-898-4094. Coastal Habitat for Humanity is located at 1105 Memorial Drive in Asbury Park. Please shop, donate or volunteer.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES -YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE- Are you interested in helping your neighbors in need in Monmouth County? At Catholic Charities, we rely on the time, talent, energy and passion of volunteers to keep our mission moving forward. To make a difference in the lives of children, adults, and families in our county, contact us for information at Hollis Painting: hpainting@cctrenton.org



St. Vincent De Paul Society's Food Pantry at St. Denis Church Phone: 732-223-1383

Location: Msgr. O'Connor Hall (lower level of church)

There is curbside pick-up of prepackaged food with social distancing.

Questions or special food needs?

Please call our hotline number at 732-223-1383

Pantry hours:

Tuesdays: 1PM-3PM and

3rd & 4th Saturdays of the month: 10AM-12 noon

This week's needed items :

Toilet paper, vegetable oil, tea, and coffee. No soup please!

Thank you.

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you wish to receive a statement of your 2022 contributions, please complete and return this form to the rectory by way of the collection basket or by mail (attention: Betsy). You may also email your request to st.denis@verizon.net or call 732-223-0287.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____

Email address _____

(if you would like to receive your statement via email)

Do you also need a statement from our St. Vincent de Paul Society?

Yes _____ No _____

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

"I am the good shepherd...I know mine and mine know me" says Jesus in the Gospel. The Good Shepherd is concerned about, cares for and protects the sheep, and fulfills the obligation of relationship. The relationship requires us disciples to "lay down our lives".

Shepherding is serious business. It means that we cannot run away, but rather commit ourselves to good deeds, such as caring for the sick, feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, forgiving those who wrong us and loving others as God loves us. These good deeds are the very "stuff" of our everyday living and loving-in our families and in our service to the poor.

To those served, Vincentians are expected to give the same deep and serious thought that they give to their own families. Sharing does not consist merely in the distribution of material goods; it also implies that our personal resources and potential of mind and heart and time and influence, are placed at the service of others. Sharing means taking part in the joys and sorrows, and in the worries and hopes of others. It equally involves a readiness, on the part of the Society's members to accept help, suggestions, advice, encouragement and collaboration.

To learn more about helping those in need, come to the Society's next meeting on Thursday, February 16th at 7 pm in the Parish Center.

If you need assistance, please call the hotline at 732-223-1383.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

We are in and amongst the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25). This week began as an eight-day period of prayer called the Church Unity Octave at the Franciscan Monastery of Graymoor and was established by founders of the Society of the Atonement, Mother Lurana White, SA, and Servant of God Father Paul of Graymoor. Our theme for 2023 is "Do Good, Seek Justice." The theme is inspired by Isaiah 1:12-18, which laments a lack of justice among the People of God. Yet, it also promises redemption by encouraging acts of justice. Like Isaiah, we hope to inspire a renewed desire and effort for justice among the Christian peoples around the world. I ask you to continue to pray for Christian Unity and to take part in the activities (prayer and corporal acts of mercy) that St. Denis Parish takes part in as an active member of the Manasquan Ministerium. As in years past, this year our Ministerium will continue to join together in prayer during Soup and Scriptures in Lent, Good Friday, Manasquan H.S. Baccalaureate, National Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving services. We will also host an Ecumenical Service during the Thy Kingdom Come novena leading up to Pentecost as well as an Ecumenical Prayer Service for First Responders in May. We also will continue to work together to help our neighbors in need through the food pantry, giving garden, and other outreach (including the new Toy Drive).

I give you a passage from the international version of the text of the Week of Prayer 2023 from the Vatican: Isaiah taught that God requires righteousness and justice from all of us, all the time and in all spheres of life. Our world today in many ways mirrors the challenges of division that Isaiah confronted in his preaching. Justice, righteousness and unity originate from God's profound love for each of us, and are at the heart of who God is and how God expects us to be with one another. God's commitment to create a new humanity "from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages" (Rev 7:9) calls us to the peace and unity God has always wanted for creation. In the Scripture passage chosen for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023, the prophet Isaiah teaches us how we are to cure these ills. Learning to do right requires the decision to engage in self-reflection. The Week of Prayer is the perfect time for Christians to recognize that the divisions between our churches and confessions cannot be separated from the divisions within the wider human family. Praying together for Christian unity allows us to reflect on what unites us and to commit ourselves to confront oppression and division amongst humanity. Isaiah challenged God's people in his day to learn to do good together; to seek justice together, to rescue the oppressed together, to defend the orphan and plead for the widow together. The prophet's challenge applies equally to us today. How can we live our unity as Christians so as to confront the evils and injustices of our time? How can we engage in dialogue, increase awareness, understanding and insight about one another's lived experiences? These prayers and encounters of the heart have the power to transform us individually and collectively. Let us be open to God's presence in all our encounters with each other as we seek to be transformed, to dismantle the systems of oppression, and to heal the sins of racism. Together, let us engage in the struggle for justice in our society. We all belong to Christ.

DOWNEY SIDE— Do you want to make a difference in the life of a foster care child? If so, apply to adopt through Downey Side and give foster care children a permanent home. The children are school-age and up. Call 732-359-8434 for more information.

BLESSED ST. GERARD MEDALS AND PRAYER CARDS AVAILABLE— Do you know someone who is expecting a child, hoping to conceive, or thinking about adoption? Blessed St. Gerard medals and prayer cards are available for anyone who wishes to take them for themselves or to give to family and friends. To receive one, please stop by the rectory office during normal business hours.

HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABORTION— The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friends of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God. 2023 Weekend Retreat: Feb. 3rd – Feb. 5th

RETRouvaille WEEKEND, February 3–5, 2023

Stress in your marriage? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is February 3 – 5, 2023. All inquiries are confidential. Please email 3024@helpourmarriage.org for information.

ONLINE GIVING— To help support our parish more easily we offer online giving! For information or to sign up, go to our parish Website www.churchofstdenis.org and click on "Online Giving".



January 8, 2023

Weekly Collection- \$10,261.00

2nd Collection (Bldg. Repairs)- \$4,161.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



“In every change, in every falling leaf
there is some pain, some beauty.
And that's the way new leaves grow.”

**ST. DENIS BEREAVEMENT
SUPPORT GROUP**

If you are experiencing the loss of someone in your life we welcome you to join with others who are bereaved to share in your loss. Through mutual sharing with guidance this series will offer support, prayer and work on answering questions about loss, grief, coping and potential for renewal of self and hope.

Join us on: Thursdays

Morning Sessions: 10-11 am at the Rectory Office

Contact Eileen Ziesmer at (732) 223-0287 or eileenziezmer@gmail.com to let us know you plan to attend or with any questions! All are welcome!

EVENING BIBLE STUDY-The Church of Epiphany will be hosting an Evening Bible Study, *The Prophets*, part of the Great Adventure Bible Series from Ascension Press. The study consists of written commentary, a workbook, discussion questions and DVD teachings. It will begin Monday, February 13th in the All Purpose Room (which is attached to the church) and then continue for 9 weeks until May 1st. The group meets Monday evenings from 7:15-8:45 pm. Registration forms are available in the Epiphany parish office or by emailing bytheshore1947@gmail.com. There is a \$30 fee which covers the cost of your workbook.

ST. CATHARINE SCHOOL, SPRING LAKE-Mrs. White, principal of St. Catharine School, would like to cordially invite anyone interested in having their children attend St. Catharine School for September 2023 enrollment to join us for the following events. **Sunday, January 29th** ~ Coffee and tours of St. Catharine School at 11:20 am and 11:40 am. **Wednesday, February 1st** ~ Open House for current and prospective families from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. **Thursday, February 2nd** ~ Showcase of Student Work and Information Session for new parents from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. **Friday, February 3rd** ~ First Friday Mass beginning at 9:00 am. St. Catharine School is a National Blue Ribbon School. We offer a faith-based education with strong academics. Please visit our website: <https://stcatharineschool.net> for detailed information on our admission procedure. Applications for all grades, Pre-Kindergarten 3 Program to 8th, will be accepted through Wednesday, February 15th.

THE BELMAR/LAKE COMO ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE- The Parade Committee is holding a dinner dance celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the parade at Spring Lake Manor, Spring Lake Heights, on February 11, 2023. Reservations are required by February 1. For ticket info call the rectory office at 732-223-0287. The Parade Committee will hold its Investiture Mass on Saturday, March 4th, at 10:00 am at St. Rose Church, Belmar. Bishop David O'Connell will be officiating. Chip Cavanagh, Parade Chairman, will be invested as the Grand Marshal of the 50th Anniversary of the Parade. The Mass will also be remembering the parade's founders. A luncheon will be held following the Mass at Taylor Pavilion, Belmar. Reservations are required. Please join us on this great day! The 50th Anniversary Parade will be kicking off on March 5, 2023, beginning on Main Street in Lake Como and will continue through Belmar. All are welcome!



We welcome into our parish family
the following children
who were brought to the Lord
through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Quinn Ann Chohey

&

Connor Joseph Gavan

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

ARE YOU A WOMAN RETURNING TO COLLEGE?

Scholarships are available from the Woman's Club of Spring Lake. Eligibility for scholarship consideration by the Woman's Club of Spring Lake is open to female residents of Monmouth County who have had an interruption in their education, who are now seeking an initial associate's or bachelor's degree and who are currently enrolled or newly registered at an accredited two or four year institution. Applications and information are available on the scholarship page: www.womansclubofspringlake.org. Applications are due by April 1, 2023.

PROJECT CHILD FIND is a free referral service to use if you have concerns about your child's development, (from birth-2 years). For more information about Special Education in NJ call 1-800-322-8174. All calls are confidential and toll-free.

OFFERINGS AT FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER, a Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House, 84 Walnford Road, Allentown, NJ or FHOP@verizon.net
One Day – GIVING VOICE TO GOD



Friday, Feb. 3 9:30 AM to Noon We know our world presents us with a number of voices vying for our attention. Only One Voice promises us Truth. Today on the Feast of St. Blaise, set aside time for listening to God's voice within you. Then, with God's blessings live the words of Jesus: "What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the rooftops." (Matthew 10:27). Led by Sr. Marie.

Donation: \$20

Series - ENNEAGRAM PARABLES 5 Wednesdays

1- 2:30 PM Feb. 1 March 1 & 29 April 19 May 17

Jesus is a great storyteller. The Enneagram is a helpful tool for growing in understanding and compassion for yourself and others. Clarence Thomson in his book, *The Parables & The Enneagram*, matches Jesus' parables to the nine different Enneagram types. Very insightful! If you like the Enneagram and you like the parables, please come. Led by Sr. Marcy. Donation: \$75

SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT WEEKENDS 7 PM

Friday to 1 PM Sunday

Jan. 13 – 15 March 17 – 19 May 12 – 14

Feb. 10 – 12 April 21 – 23 May 19 – 21

Feb. 24 – 26 April 28 – 30 May 5 – 7

June 9 – 11 Liturgy, spiritual direction and optional contemplative prayer periods are included. Please register early. These fill quickly. Donation: \$165/\$65 non-refundable deposit with registration.



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